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4298 Elysian Fields Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70122

March 12, 1997

WARNING LETTER NO. 97-NOL-32

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. John Zick, Senior Vice President
Continental Grain Company
222 South Riverside Plaza
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Dear Mr. Zick:

This letter is to inform you of deviations from the Interstate Conveyance Sanitation Regulations (Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1250), observed by a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) investigator, during an inspection of Continental Grain Company, 933 West River Road, Westwego, Louisiana, on March 6, 1997.

Discrepancies noted during the inspection of this vessel watering point included the following:

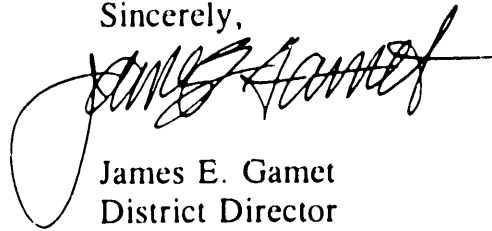
- 1) check valve not installed on a 2.5" water supply line in line to a 2.5" potable water hydrant at location #1;
- 2) outlets on potable water hydrants #1 and #2 terminate less than 18" above the pier.

Accordingly, we are classifying this watering point as PROVISIONAL for interstate carrier use for a period of thirty days. "Provisional" classification means that the watering point may continue to operate; however, significant corrections of deficiencies must be made by the expiration date. On or about that date, a reinspection of this facility will be conducted to assure that corrections meet FDA requirements.

If significant corrections are not made by April 14, 1997, the vessel watering point will be reclassified as "Not Approved" for carrier use.

Please advise this office in writing, within ten (10) working days, of actions you have taken to correct the deficiencies and to assure that such violations will not recur. Your response should be directed to Nicole F. Hardin, Compliance Officer, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 4298 Elysian Fields Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70122-3843.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James E. Gamet", written over a large, stylized loop.

James E. Gamet
District Director
New Orleans District

Enclosure: FDA 483

cc: Mr. Jerry D. Gibson
Plant Manager
Continental Grain Company
933 West River Road
Westwego, Louisiana 70094

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